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In re Application of:

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For: IMAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM, IMAGE
PROCESSING METHOD, AND IMAGE
INPUT SYSTEM

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language document.

1. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2633222 discloses an image processor that has a processing unit that obtains an output signal from an input electric image signal of an input image, a recognition unit that judges whether the input image is a copy inhibit image, and a control unit that, if it is judged that the input image is the copy inhibit image, prevents faithful reproduction of the input image. The processes are executed in parallel with each other.

The following is listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and is in a language other than English.

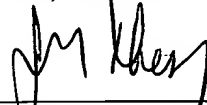
a. Japanese Patent Publication No. 11-073503. The relevance of this document is discussed on page 17 of the specification of the present application.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents. Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

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